

HLSC – Sailing Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Date: 18th June 2022

Present: Stuart Bates (SB), Graham Knox (GK), Martin Watts (MW), Richard Whitehill (RW), Dave Smith (DS),
Rana Din (RD), Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: Nick Brook (NB), Nick Hornsby (NH)

Item		Action
1	Matters arising from previous meeting 16.6.22: No issues – all ok	
2	<p>2022 Club Racing, DF & RIB use, club rules: Racing turnouts still in the main lower than before Covid, good attendance by Duty teams All OOD's to please remember to send out timely reminders to Duty Teams After lengthy discussion regarding the relative merits of Daisy Fish (DF) for use as a patrol boat & possibly dropping the age limit for RIB drivers to 14, the majority view is that DF is ok as patrol boat & leave RIB age limit as is, ie no member under age of 16 shall drive a RIB. It is preferable whenever possible to have an appropriately manned RIB on the water Recent racing results have been uploaded to website – thanks Adam MS has printed out final series results sheets to date & put on noticeboard</p>	ALL OOD's
3	<p>Club Boats: MS reported that Matt Rush had asked to bring DF ashore for TLC as he felt DF wasn't being used much at moment. MS commented that he wanted to encourage waterborne starts whenever possible & didn't want to restrict the Race Team options. This view was supported by the committee, MS to report back to Matt – request declined MS raised issue of Speed GP14 leak, DS said he had spoken to Dave Winder who proposed a pressure test & inspection of the hull. DS commented as we have 2 Winder GP14's & the Speed GP14 is 20+ years old, maybe consideration to be given to selling Speed boat once repairs have been done. MW said that Les Burns has some knowledge of peculiarities of different GP14 builds & might be able to offer advice. DS to contact Winders to make booking</p>	MS DS
4	<p>Mix 'n' Match Racing: Have now held 4 of the planned 5 sessions. RW has commented that 3 of the 6 novices have helmed at Friendly Fridays & 2 have taken part in racing. MS said he had come to the conclusion that quite a few of our recent new members are only interested in leisure sailing, not racing. Mix'n'Match had taken a substantial amount of time to organise & recruit experienced helms & MS isn't sure whether to repeat Mix'n'Match in 2023 – thoughts please gents Final 2022 Mix'n'Match session is on 11th Sept, enough helms have now been recruited - 26.8.22</p>	
5	<p>Open meetings & special club events: Junior Single-handed Team Race practice on Sat 10th Sept – Rana is organiser NW Topper event on Sat 24th Sept, Rhiann has sorted race & RIB teams & is sourcing prizes as per ITCA guidelines. The galley is only being open for tea/coffee – sailors are being made aware of this Club Championship on Sun 25th Sept – same format as 2021, & plain HLSC glassware for 1st helm, 1st crew & 1st junior is in cupboard in Committee Room Felucca on Sat 22nd/Sun 23rd Oct – Nick Hornsby is RO, Roger Mee is ARO, Viv & Jackie Groves doing food on Sat, outside caterers Sat eve via Richard Hodgson & Kath Ayres doing food on Sun Engraved HLSC glassware for 1st helm, 1st crew, 2nd helm, 2nd crew, 3rd helm & 3rd crew is in cupboard in Committee Room Merlin Rocket Assoc is supplying bronze & silver fleet prizes for Felucca Entry fee to be £35 fee at request of Management Committee (excluding food) SB had reported that MROA had been in contact regarding combining this year's Felucca with the recently postponed Inlands – this was agreed, subject to appropriate water level. Since this meeting DS has seen Facebook post by Burton SC that they are hosting the 2022 Inlands. DS recommended that we be completely honest with MROA regarding our water level nearer the time of the event MW realised after emptying a family home recently that maybe club members might have unwanted prizes/glassware that could maybe be donated back to the club, SB to mention in next club Email</p>	SB

	<p>GK raised issue of using SumUp facility for Open Meeting entries due to fee charged by SumUp, MS suggested that new fee of £35 would very adequately cover the SumUp fee & the facility will make Entry Sec job much easier</p> <p>MW asked if anyone had entry forms etc from last year's Felucca, MS commented that he had Emailed the 2022 templates, but would re-send the Email straight after the meeting - done</p>	
6	<p>Club Rules: See item 2</p>	
7	<p>Open Events for 2023: MS suggested that due to low entries, maybe the GP14 & Solo classes have a combined event, GK commented that this is a reasonable idea & double handed events in 2022 tended to have low entries</p> <p>Since this meeting, MW has reported that the 2023 Felucca will be on 14/15 Oct, 1 week after Rochdale ½ Marathon (8th Oct)</p> <p>1st ever Freezer Series held Jan/Feb 2022, 2 days didn't happen due zero/excessive wind & only 2 sailors competed on both days, 13 boats took part in the series.</p> <p>MS asked for thoughts on this – do we run a series in Jan/Feb 2023 – what about RIB & buoy ground tackle/chains maintenance.</p> <p>RD commented that on the zero-wind day 6 sailors turned up to race. DS asked how many people were needed to run the racing related to number of competitors, 2xBox + 2xRIB</p> <p>MW stated that it's important to inspect the buoys ground tackle & chain this next winter</p> <p>MW & RD suggested asking the membership who is interested in a Freezer Series, DS suggested that 2022 Series entrants in reality have already answered this question & also asked if it's a worthwhile event especially with increased heat/light/fuel costs in addition to our annual maintenance issues. RD suggested that a different format for 2023 might be better & still allow time for our annual maintenance of buoys etc.</p> <p>MW suggested that if we ran a series on alternate years, we might get a better entry</p> <p>MS said he had had a conversation recently with Pete Robinson (Yorks Dales SC – Sailing Sec) regarding a potential Northern Winter Open Meeting Series, & whether having a one off - 1 day open in late Feb might be a good solution & also be part of this series - Sunday 19th Feb?</p> <p>RYA Dinghy Exhibition in Farnborough Sat 25th/Sun 26th Feb</p> <p>Our 2023 season will start on Sunday 5th March</p> <p>MS to contact Pete Robinson regarding date(s) & report back next month for further discussion</p>	MS
8	<p>AOB: RW suggested that we award "ave/duty" points if anyone is running taster sessions etc during Weds/Sun racing – agreed unanimously</p> <p>RW raised issue of Race Results co-ordinator for 2023, MS commented that this is in hand</p> <p>DS has been thinking about Weds evening 2 race format & does it work. He commented that some Race Teams find it difficult to judge when to stop race 1 in order to have time for race 2</p> <p>MS commented that when RO have asked about race format, he has said "2 races are preferred if you are happy to run 2 races & wind conditions are appropriate, otherwise 1 race is ok" & probably as many like 2 races as prefer 1 race. We do have 1 race evenings at start & end of the Weds series. Majority view to leave Weds format as is</p>	MS
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15th Sept @19.30 Zoom invitation reqd (Mon 12th Sept)</p>	SB/MS